WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:-

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1. An inkjet printer cradle including:

a body complementary to each of a number of removable inkjet cartridges each of a type having a pagewidth printhead and an ink supply and each having different performance characteristics; and

a controller arranged to determine the performance characteristics of each of said number of cartridges once coupled to said cradle and to operate each said cartridge in response to the determined performance characteristics.

- An inkjet printer cradle according to claim 1 wherein the controller is arranged to operate each of a number of removable inkjet cartridges having performance characteristics which differ by one or more of: optimum printing speed; ink capacity.
- 3. An inkjet printer cradle according to claim 1 wherein the body includes a recess to receive any one of the number of removable inkjet cartridges.